

REMARKS

Claims 10-39 are pending in the application, with claims 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 being independent. Claims 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 25, 30 and 35 have been amended. In addition, the title has been amended in response to the Examiner's objection. No new matter has been introduced.

Claims 10 and 12-14 have been rejected as being anticipated by Tsuji (U.S. Patent No. 5,491,352). Claim 10 has been amended to recite that the first wiring is formed on the same layer as a source or drain electrode, as shown, for example, by element 111 of Fig. 1A. In the context of claim 10, the second wiring formed over an insulating film and in contact with the first wiring through a plurality of contact holes opened in the insulating film is discussed in the application at, for example, page 11, lines 19-22.

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Tsuji does not describe or suggest a first wiring formed on a same layer as a source or drain electrode and connected to a second wiring formed over an insulating film that is formed over the first wiring, as recited in claim 10. In particular, the wirings 15a-15c of Tsuji, which the rejection equates with the recited first wiring, are not formed on a same layer as a source or drain electrode, as recited in the claim. Nor would any other elements of Tsuji's system correspond to the recited first and second wirings.

Claims 10, 12-15, 17-20, 22-25, 27-30, 32-35 and 37-39 have been rejected as being anticipated by Takemura (U.S. Patent No. 5,739,549).

With respect to claim 10 and its dependent claims, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because Takemura, like Tsuji, does not describe or suggest a first wiring formed on a same layer as a source or drain electrode and connected to a second wiring formed over an insulating film that is formed over the first wiring, as recited in claim 10.

Like claim 10, independent claim 15 recites a first wiring formed on a same layer as a source or drain electrode and connected to a second wiring formed over an insulating film that is formed over the first wiring. Accordingly, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 15 for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 10.

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Each of independent claims 20, 25, 30 and 35 has been amended to recite a third wiring, such as the wiring 113 of Fig. 1C, that is intersected by the second wiring.. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of these claims, and their dependent claims, because Takemura does not describe or suggest a third wiring such as is recited in claims 20, 25, 30 and 35.

Claim 11 has been rejected as being unpatentable over Tsuji in view of Yamazaki (U.S. Patent No. 5,899,547), and claims 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, and 36 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Takemura in view of Yamazaki. Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections because Yamazaki does not remedy the failure of Tsuji and Takemura to describe or suggest the subject matter of the independent claims.

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

Enclosed is a \$300 check for the Petition for Extension of Time fee (\$120) and the late submission fee of §1.17(p) (\$180). Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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